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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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SUBJECT: ASEAN: PROPOSAL FOR HIGH-LEVEL TRADE AND INVESTMENT
MISSION TO ASEAN

1. FRED ELIZALDE, PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, TOLD EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL ATTACHE JULY 28 THAT THE
KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF ASEAN WOULD BE THE INVOLVEMENT OF
PRIVATE BUSINESS. HE SAID THAT IF THE U.S. WANTS TO MAKE THE
BEST MOVE POSSIBLE TOWARDS ASEAN WE SHOULD STIMULATE A HIGH
LEVEL GROUP OF PRIVATE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TO VISIT THE
PHILIPPINES, THE COUNTRY DESIGNATED AS THE U.S. WINDOW TO
ASEAN. HE SAID THAT VISITS TO THE OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES
COULD EVENTUALLY FOLLOW AS A MATTER OF COURSE.

2. HE SAID THE INITIATIVE SHOULD COME FROM THE U.S. SIDE AND
WOULD BE ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY THE PHILIPPINE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE, THE ENTIRE PRIVATE SECTOR OF ASEAN AND BY
PRESIDENT MARCOS. HE THOUGHT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE AND COMMERCE SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN APPROACHING
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U.S. BUSINESS TO ORGANIZE THE MISSION. HE DID NOT BELIEVE
THAT THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THE PHILIPPINES
AND THE AMERICAN CHAMBER IN THE PHILIPPINES SHOULD BE
BROUGHT INTO THE PICTURE UNTIL THE TRIP IS ANNOUNCED.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES ELIZALDE'S PROPOSAL HAS
MERIT AND THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION

TO IT IN MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR US/ASEAN ECONOMIC
CONSULTATIONS IN MANILA, SEPTEMBER 7-9. AT THESE CONSULTATIONS
THE USDEL AS APPROPRIATE COULD RAISE THE SUBJECT AND OFFER
TO ORGANIZE A USG-SPONSORED GROUP OF U.S. BUSINESSMEN TO
VISIT ASEAN. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE (REPEAT NOT)
ADVISABLE A PRIORI TO LIMIT THE MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES
AS ELIZALDE SUGGESTS. THE MISSION COULD BE ON TRADE AND
INVESTMENT, OR EVEN AN INFORMATIONAL ONE, DEPENDING ON THE
POSSIBILITIES OF RECRUITMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. SUCH
A MISSION WOULD DEMONSTRATE BOTH USG AND PRIVATE U.S.
INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF ASEAN AS AN EMERGING
REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROUPING.
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